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SUBJ: PATRIOTIC FRONT RESPONSE TO THE RHODESIA SETTLEMENT
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FOLLOWING IS THE AGREED PATRIOTIC FRONT RESPONSE TO THE
RHODESIA SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL. THE RESPONSE, SIGNED BY
NKOMO AND MUGABE, WAS RELEASED WEDNESDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER
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QUOTE:

THE ZIMBABWE PATRIOTIC FRONT ON BRITISH "PROPOSALS FOR A
SETTLEMENT" IN RHODESIA.

MAPUTO: 12TH SEPTEMBER, 1977.

THE COLONIAL AUTHORITY IN RHODESIA, THE BRITISH GOVERN-

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MENT, PUBLISHED ON THE FIRST OF SEPTEMBER, 1977, WHAT IT
CALLED "PROPOSALS FOR A SETTLEMENT". THESE THE PATRIOTIC
FRONT HAS NOW SERIOUSLY STUDIED AND ANALYSED.
THE PROPOSED INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION (ANNEX A)

THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AFTER STUDYING AND ANALYSING THE
PROPOSED "INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION" NOTES THE ACCEPTANCE

BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT OF THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES

WHICH OUR LIBERATION MOVEMENT HAS ALWAYS ADVOCATED:-

1. THE PRINCIPLE THAT INDEPENDENCE IS A NON-NEGOTIABLE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE AND THAT WHAT IS NEGOTIABLE WITH REFERENCE TO INDEPENDENCE IS MERELY THE MODALITIES OF BRINGING IT ABOUT;
2. THE PRINCIPLE OF DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS BASED ON UNIVERSAL ADULT SUFFRAGE;
3. RECOGNITION THAT THE CONFLICT-SITUATION IN ZIMBABWE BEING A WAR SITUATION CAN ONLY BE RESOLVED BY THOSE PARTIES DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THAT CONFLICT, THAT IS TO SAY, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND THEIR SETTLER KITH AND KIN ON THE ONE HAND AND THE PATRIOTIC FRONT ON THE OTHER;
4. THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED PRINCIPLES BY BRITISH HAS RESULTED FROM LONG YEARS OF HARD STRUGGLE AND COSTLY HUMAN SACRIFICE BY THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE AGAINST AN INTRANSIGENT COLONIAL REGIME. THEREFORE, WE BELIEVE, THEY REFLECT A SIGNIFICANT STAGE IN THE CONTINUING ARMED LIBERATION STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE;
5. WE HAVE LOOKED FURTHER INTO OTHER SECTIONS OF THE PROPOSED "INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION" INCLUDING THE BILL OF RIGHTS. NATURALLY THERE ARE PARTS WHICH ARE UNACCEPTABLE. ALL THESE SHALL BE THE UNCLASSIFIED

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SUBJECT OF A SEPARATE PAPER.

THE PROPOSED TRANSITIONAL CONSTITUTION (ANNEX B)

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6. WE WOULD LIKE TO STRESS, HOWEVER, THAT DESPITE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED PRINCIPLES BY BRITISH, THE GENUINE INDEPENDENCE WE ARE FIGHTING TO ACHIEVE, IN CONCRETE TERMS, IS STILL AS DISTANT AS EVER, FOR THE POWER STRUCTURE OF THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD NEGATES THE PROCESS. AS SUCH WE HAVE NO DISPOSITION, WHATEVER, TO BE LED INTO ILLUSIONS TO SUCH INDEPENDENCE. YEARS OF HARD STRUGGLE HAVE TAUGHT US THAT THE ONLY TRUST THAT CAN COMMAND US IS WHEN ZIMBABWE IS FIRMLY AND CONCRETELY IN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE.
 7. IT IS OUR OBSERVATION THAT WHILST THE BRITISH HAVE ACCEPTED THE PRINCIPLE REFERED TO ABOVE, THE MECHANICS DEVISED TOWARDS THEM LEAD NEITHER TO FREE, FAIR AND DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS NOR TO A GENUINELY INDEPENDENCE ZIMBABWE.

THE PROPOSALS ARE BASED IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, ON

"THE SURRENDER OF POWER BY THE ILLEGAL REGIME AND
A RETURN TO LEGALITY."

APART FROM THE VAGUE "THEORETICAL THREAT, "IN
CLAUSE 10 OF THE PROPOSALS THAT "....THE TWO
GOVERNMENTS (THE UK AND US) WILL TAKE SUCH STEPS
AS SEEM TO THEM APPROPRIATE TO SECURE TRANSFER
OF POWER BY SMITH ON A DAY TO BE AGREED, "....THERE
IS NO CONCRETE INDICATION WHATEVER TO DEMONSTRATE,
IN A SITUATION WHERE A CRIMINAL REGIME IS MURDERING
OUR PEOPLE DAILY, THAT IN FACT THIS REGIME WILL
PHYSICALLY AND TOTALLY BE REMOVED.

SECONDLY THE PREMISE THAT THE RHODESIA PROBLEM IS
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BEING SOLVED IN THE CONTEXT OF A RETURN FROM
"ILLEGALITY TO LEGALITY" IS A COMPLETELY WRONG
AND IRRELEVANT APPROACH.

WHEN THIS VIEW IS READ TOGETHER WITH CLAUSE 18C
OF ANNEX B ON "AMNESTY" WHICH STATES THAT IT
WILL BE NECESSARY TO EXTINGUISH BOTH CIVIL AND
CRIMINAL LIABILITY TO SUCH ACTS ON BOTH SIDES
"COMMITTED IN FURTHERANCE OF THE REBELLION

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AND THOSE COMMITTED IN RESISTANCE TO IT, "THE
IMPLICATION HERE IS CLEARLY THAT WE, THE LIBERATION
FORCES, WERE AND ARE CARRYING OUT OUR STRUGGLE
AGAINST THE REBELLION OF IAN SMITH AND THEREFORE
ASSISTING THE BRITISH COLONIAL AUTHORITY IN

BRINGING THAT SITUATION TO LEGALITY. THIS

DELIBERATE DISTORTION IS AN INSULT TO OUR NOBLE
CAUSE.

WE WOULD LIKE TO TO RESTATE THAT WE ARE STRUGGLING
BY FORCE OF ARMS TO LIBERATE OURSELVES FROM
INTRANSIGENT BRITISH COLONIALISM IN RHODESIA AND
THEREFORE TO CAUSE A MOVEMENT FROM COLONIAL
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CONTROL TO GENUINE INDEPENDENCE.

8. ANOTHER OBJECTIONABLE FEATURE IS THE VESTING OF
ABSOLUTE POWERS IN THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER AN
APPOINTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BRITISH
GOVERNMENT WHO IS EMPOWERED TO ADMINISTER THE
COUNTRY DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD. HE
SHALL, BY HIMSELF, EXERCISE BOTH LEGISLATIVE AND
EXECUTIVE POWERS, BE THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF
ALL ARMED FORCES, THE APOINTER OF JUDGES,
ABSOLUTE CONTROLLER OF THE CIVIL SERVICE AND THE
POLICE, - IN SHORT, THE BE ALL AND END ALL OF
ALL POWERS IN RHODESIA.

THE PATRIOTIC FRONT, THE SOLE ARMED LIBERATION
FORCE GUARANTEEING THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE, IS
THEN CALLED UPON TO SURRENDER ITSELF TO THIS
RESIDENT COMMISSIONER WHILST UNDER CLAUSE 5 OF
ANNEX B HE TAKES OVER AS "COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
OF ALL ARMED FORCES WHICH MAY BE LAWFULLY OPERATING
IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA. "ARMED FORCES "LAWFULLY OPERATING
IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA" UNDER RHODESIA LAW, ARE THE FASCIST
COLONIAL FORCES PRESENTLY UNDER IAN SMITH. BY INFERENCE

THEN THE ARMED LIBERATION FORCES ARE RENDERED ILLEGAL.

BY ALL STANDARDS OF LOGIC THE LIBERATION FORCES
OF ZIMBABWE CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO SURRENDER THE
FIRE-POWER BY WHICH THEY HAVE PUSHED THE BRITISH TO
THE BRINK OF TALKING ABOUT SOLUTIONS TO THAT VERY
COLONIAL POWER. IT MUST BE REMEMBERED THAT THE
BRITISH ARE THE VERY COLONIAL POWER WHICH HAS ALL
ALONG BEEN OBSTRUCTING THE INTRODUCTION OF FREE
AND FAIR DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS AND INDEPENDENCE FOR
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ZIMBABWE.

THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE HAVE REACHED THIS POINT ON
THE BASIS OF THEIR OWN STRENGTH AND MUST RELY ON
THE POWER OF THEIR OWN LIBERTATION FORCES TO CROSS
THEM TO FREE AND FAIR DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS AND
INDEPENDENCE, LEST THEY BE CARRIED AWAY BY
DIVERSIONARY CURRENTS TO FALSE INDEPENDENCE.
WHILST WE BELIEVE THAT A RESIDENT COMMISSIONER
IS INEVITABLE FOR THE PROCESS OF DECOLONISATION,
WE CANNOT, HOWEVER, AGREE TO HIS ASSUMPTION OF
ABSOLUTE COLONIAL POWERS BECAUSE INDEPENDENCE IS
A FORWARD MOVEMENT AND NOT A BACKWARD MOVEMENT.
WHO CAN TRUST A COLONIALIST WITH ABSOLUTE POWERS?

9.. UNDER CLAUSE 3 SUB-SECTION (B) IT IS CLEAR THAT
THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER IS APPOINTED ON THE
CLAIM THAT HE IS A NEUTRAL OFFICER. THE SECTION
READS:-

"A TRANSITION PERIOD COVERING THE SURRENDER OF
POWER BY THE PRESENT (SMITH) REGIME, THE INSTALLATION
OF A NEUTRAL CARETAKER ADMINISTRATION-----"

IT IS A FACT THAT THE PRESENT REGIME IN RHODESIA IS
A BRITISH COLONIAL REGIME. THE FACT THAT IAN
SMITH TENDS TO QUARREL WITH HIS BRITISH MASTERS
DOES NOT CHANGE THE BASIC LEGAL AND POLITICAL FACT.
THEREFORE THE INSTALLATION OF A RESIDENT COMMISSIONER
DOES NOT INTRODUCE NEUTRALITY. IT IS JUST A
QUESTION OF A PREFERABLE BRITISH COLONIAL OFFICER
REPLACING AN EMBARRASSING ONE.

(C) WE THEREFORE DO NOT REGARD THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER
AS A NEUTRAL OR IMPARTIAL OFFICER. HE IS A STRAIGHT
FORWARD COLONIAL ADMINISTRATOR REPRESENTING THE
SYSTEM WE ARE FIGHTING AGAINST.

(D) WE WISH TO ASSERT, AS WE HAVE DONE BEFORE, THAT
THE INDEPENDENCE DISPUTE HAS ALWAYS BEEN BETWEEN
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BRITAIN, AS THE COLONIAL POWER, AND THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE AND THAT, THEREFORE, BRITAIN CAN NEITHER BE NEUTRAL NOR IMPARTIAL.

10. THE PROPOSALS UNDER CLAUSE 10 (A) STATE THAT:
"THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MAINTAINANCE OF LAW AND ORDER DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD WILL LIE WITH THE POLICE FORCES."

UNDER ANNEX B (THE TRANSITIONAL CONSTITUTION) CLAUSE 11 THE PROPOSALS STATE THAT "THE JUDGES OF THE HIGH COURT AND THE SUBORDINATE COURTS WILL BE THE PERSONS WHO ARE SERVING IN THOSE RESPECTIVE CAPACITIES IMMEDIATELY BEFORE IT COMES INTO OPERATION."

UNDER CLAUSE 15 (ANNEX B) THE "PROPOSALS" STATE FURTHER THAT:-

"ALL PERSONS HOLDING OR ACTING IN PUBLIC OFFICES IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE COMING INTO OPERATION OF THE (TRANSITIONAL) CONSTITUTION WILL CONTINUE TO HOLD OR ACT IN THE LIKE OFFICES.

UNDER CLAUSE 14 IT IS STATED THAT THEIR AUTHORITY WILL BE EXERCISABLE "IN THE LIKE MANNER, AS NEARLY AS MAY BE, AS THEY WERE IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE COMING INTO OPERATION OF THE TRANSITIONAL CONSTITUTION."

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THE TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS PROVIDE THAT THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER WILL TAKE CONTROL OF THE ABOVE APPARATUS OF GOVERNMENT SET UP BY THE FASCIST IAN SMITH AND USE IT IN ITS ENTIRETY (BUT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, AND A FEW MINOR ADJUSTMENTS) TO CONDUCT WHAT IS CALLED:-

"FREE AND IMPARTIAL ELECTIONS ON THE BASIS OF UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE."

THE POLICE ARE PARAMILITARY AND IN THE COMBINED RHODESIAN OPERATIONS, THEY ARE THE BRUTAL MURDERERS OF ZIMBABWEANS BURNING DOWN PEOPLES' HOMES AND PROPERTIES. THE POLICE HARASS, TERRORISE AND MOLEST THE PEOPLE. THEY CARRY OUT THESE CRIMES IN LIAISON WITH THE REGIME'S ARMIES, ITS CIVIL ADMINISTRATORS AND THE JUDGES.

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BY WHAT FAITH CAN AN ELECTION BOOTH BE REGARDED AS "DEMOCRATIC, FREE AND IMPARTIAL" IF IT IS SURROUNDED AT ITS FOUR CORNERS BY SMITH'S HENCHMEN; HIS POLICEMAN, HIS SOLDIER, HIS DISTRICT COMMISSIONER AND HIS JUDGE, SUPERVISED BY A BRITISH COLONIAL OFFICER ALL OF WHOM COMBINED YESTERDAY IN HANGING HUNDREDS OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHO FOUGHT JUST TO BRING ABOUT AN INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE BASED ON "FREE DEMOCRATIC AND IMPARTIAL ELECTIONS UNDER UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE."

SUCH AN ELECTION IS NEITHER FREE NOR IMPARTIAL NOR DEMOCRATIC. THE ELECTION BOOTH IS JUST BEING USED AS A BOOBY-TRAP TO ABUSE DEMOCRACY FOR CERTAIN ECONOMIC FORCES.

11. THE "PROPOSALS" UNDER CLAUSE 11 PROPOSE TO INVITE THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL TO APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS PLUS A UN DEFENCE FORCE TO BE APPROVED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

WE WOULD LIKE TO PREFACE OUR REMARKS ON THIS BY AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE POSITIVE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE ZIMBABWE LIBERATION STRUGGLE AND THE ENTHUSIASM

OF THE MEMBER-NATIONS TO ASSIST US AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

IT IS VIRTUALLY CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT AS FAR AS RHODESIA IS CONCERNED BRITAIN, SUPPORTED BY THE UNITED STATES, IS INVITING THE UNITED NATIONS TO ASSIST IT IN RESTORING ITS COLONIAL POWER AND THE EXERCISE OF IT IN ITS ABSOLUTE SENSE THROUGH THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER. THE UNITED NATIONS SO-CALLED ZIMBABWE DEFENCE FORCE IS SUPPOSED TO BE A "PEACE-KEEPING" FORCE. "PEACE-KEEPING" BETWEEN WHAT FORCES?

THE LIBERATION WAR IN ZIMBABWE IS BETWEEN THE ARMED LIBERATION FORCES OF ZIMBABWE UNDER THE COMMAND OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT ON THE ONE UNCLASSIFIED

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HAND AND THE BRITISH COLONIAL FORCES ON THE OTHER.

HOW CAN A UNITED NATIONS COMMITTED TO THE POLICY OF DECOLONISATION IN SUPPORT OF THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE BE CALLED UPON TO STAND BETWEEN ADVANCING LIBERATION FORCES AND COLONIAL FORCES WITH A VIEW TO ASSISTING THE COLONIAL POWER?

WE WOULD WELCOME THE UNITED NATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE ADVANCE OF THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE AND NOT IN ITS FRUSTRATION AS PROPOSED BY THE BRITISH.

UNDER THE PROPOSALS THE UNITED NATIONS REPRESENTATIVE HAS NEITHER POWERS NOR DISCRETION NOR INDEPENDENT TERMS SERVE TO ACT IN SUPPORT OF THE COLONIAL CIVIL POWER AT THE INSTANCE OF THE BRITISH RESIDENT COMMISSIONER.

12. THE "PROPOSALS" SPEAK OF THE BUILDING OF A NEW ZIMBABWE NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE WHICH SHALL BE BUILT IN THE COURSE OF THE TRANSITION AND WHICH SHALL BE LOYAL TO THE ELECTED GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE. THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE BUILT BY THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE UNITED KINGDOM HAD AN OPPORTUNITY OF 80 COLONIAL YEARS TO BUILD A ZIMBABWE FORCE LOYAL TO THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE.

INSTEAD THEY CREATED A MONSTROUS COLONIAL FASCIST FORCE WHICH TODAY IS THE SOURCE OF OPPRESSION. THROUGH YEARS OF STRUGGLE THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE HAVE BUILT A PATRIOTIC LIBERATION ARMY. THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER CANNOT BUILD AN ARMY MORE LOYAL TO ZIMBABWE THAN THE PATRIOTIC ARMY BORN OUT OF STRUGGLE. THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE KNOW THAT THEIR INDEPENDENCE SHALL COME ABOUT AND BE DEFENDED BY THEIR SONS AND DAUGHTERS WHO HAVE SACRIFICED LIVES, SWEATED BLOOD FIGHTING IN THE RANKS OF THE PATRIOTIC LIBERATION FORCES.

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THEREFORE THERE CAN BE NO NEW ARMY FOR AN INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE. THE PATRIOTIC LIBERATION FORCES ARE THE ARMY FOR THE DEFENCE OF INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE AND ITS DEMOCRACY.

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WE OF COURSE WELCOME THE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY'S ADDITIONAL STATEMENT RECOGNISING THE LIBERATION ARMY.

13. IT IS ONLY FAIR FOR US TO BE CATEGORICAL ON THE QUESTION OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE RHODESIAN REGIME. THEY MUST BE DISMANTLED IN TOTO. THIS INCLUDES THE POLICE WHO, AS POINTED OUT ABOVE, ARE PARAMILITARY AND HAVE BEEN AND CONTINUE TO BE INSTRUMENTS FOR KEEPING ZIMABWEANS IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS AND CARRYING OUT THIRD DEGREE CRUELTY ON CIVILIANS AND FREEDOM-FIGHTERS.

WE SHOULD, HOWEVER, POINT OUT THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO ABSORB
INTO OUR FORCES SOME ELEMENTS FROM THE EXISTING RHODESIAN FORCES.

14. SIMILARLY JUDGES, MAGISTRATES AND CIVIL SERVANTS MUST BE
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SUBJECT TO SCREENING AND OPEN TO REAPPOINTMENT FOR THE
TRANSITIONAL PERIOD TO ENSURE THAT UNACCEPTABLE ELEMENTS ARE
PRECLUDED.

15. FURTHER THE BRITISH "PROPOSALS" ARM THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER
WITH THE USE OF EXISTING FASCIST RHODESIAN LAWS. IN CLAUSE 9
(B) IT IS STATED THAT:-

"AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE, A NUMBER OF EMERGENCY POWERS NOW
OPERATING IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA WILL NEED TO BE AVAILABLE TO THE
RESIDENT COMMISSIONER IMMEDIATELY UPON THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE
TRANSITIONAL CONSTITUTION, WHICH WILL THEREFORE DEEM A
PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY TO BE IN FORCE AS FROM THAT DATE -----
"

ALL SUCH OBNOXIOUS LAWS INCLUDING THE LAW AND ORDER MAINTENANCE
ACT SPECIALLY GEARED AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE WILL BE
INSTRUMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE BRITISH RESIDENT COMMISSIONER.

GIVEN SUCH DEADLY INSTRUMENTS WHAT FORM OF TRUST ARE WE, THE
PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE, CALLED UPON TO PUT IN THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER?

IT SEEMS WE ARE CALLED UPON TO ACCEPT TO BE PROTECTED BY NOTHING
ELSE BUT FAITH.

16. THE ONLY GUARANTEE OF THE DEFINITE ADVENT OF GENUINE
INDEPENDENCE FOR ZIMBABWE IS THE DIRECT INVOLVEMENT OF THE
PATRIOTIC LIBERATION FORCES IN ALL ORGANS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE
TRANSITIONAL STRUCTURES WHICH SECURE THE TRANSITION UNTIL POWER
HAS BEEN TOTALLY TRANSFERRED TO THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE BY FREE
AND FAIR DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS.

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TOWARDS THIS OBJECTIVE THE PATRIOTIC FRONT IS READY TO ENTER
INTO DISCUSSIONS WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO EXPEDITE THE
TRANSFER OF POWER TO THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE.

17. THE PROBLEM IN ZIMBAWE IS NOT THE ELECTION OF A "PRESIDENT"

BUT:-

- (I) THE DESTRUCTION OF COLONIALISM AND ITS INSTITUTIONS
 - (II) THE ATTAINMENT OF GENUINE INDEPENDENCE
 - (III) THE DEMOCRATISATION NOT ONLY OF THE VOTE BUT OF
ALL INSTITUTIONS AND THE WAY OF LIFE IN ZIMBABWE.
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IT IS THIS TOTAL OBJECTIVE OF DEMOCRACY THAT THE COLONIALIST FEARS
MOST, HENCE HIS RESORT TO "CONTROLLED DEMOCRACY" TO PRODUCE
NEO-COLONIALIST PUPPETS.

18. AS INDICATED EARLIER, THE OBJECTIVE OF OUR ARMED LIBERATION
STRUGGLE IS GENUINE INDEPENDENCE FOR ZIMBABWE. THE BRITISH
"PROPOSALS" FOR A SETTLEMENT HAVE NOT BROUGHT THAT INDEPENDENCE.

THE PATRIOTIC FRONT SHALL PRESS ON WITH AN INTENSIFIED ARMED

LIBERATION STRUGGLE UNTIL THE ATTAINMENT OF THAT INDEPENDENCE.
IT IS UP TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO MAKE THE NECESSARY
IMPROVEMENTS TO ITS PROPOSALS TO EXPEDITE A GUARANTEED TRANSFER
OF POWER TO THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE.

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CO-LEADERS, PATRIOTIC FRONT.

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